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ABSTRACT

The ethnic profile of the bilingual Hostos Community College of the City University of New York (CUNY) was based on 1,147 student responses (41.3%) to a registration questionnaire in fall 1977. Of the 86.4% listing themselves as Hispanic, 43.4% were Puerto Rican, 30.2% Dominican, and 6.5% Ecuadorian. Of the 13.46% non-Hispanic, 11.4% were black. Male/female distributions were almost equal in each category, except that there were 3.8% more Puerto Rican females and 5.05% more Ecuadorian males. Hispanic enrollment was 72.2% in 1976, more than twice that of any other CUNY college, and increased from 45.7% in 1972 to the present 86.4%. Correspondingly, enrollment in English as a second language courses rose from 741 in 1975 to 1,299 in 1977, a proportionate rise from 28% to 47%. In the same time period the college minority population increased only 3.7%, from 95.0% to 98.7%, but the Hispanic population increased 28.3% in the same time period. (RT)

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ETHNIC PROFILE

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Introduction

Attached is a report based on a survey of Hostos Community College students during the Fall 1977 registration (see page 5 for a copy of the questionnaire used). One thousand one hundred and forty-seven students of the 2774 enrolled students completed the questionnarie (41.3%) based on the sample size the standard error of measurement is approximately $\pm$ 2%.

Page three of the report indicates the ethnic profile for Fall 1977

Page four of the report portrays the ethnic profile of Hostos Community College over a three semester period, indicating the changes that have occurred over time in the student population in the college.

Some important considerations that should be noted:

a) It is important to note the clear differences between the terms: "Hispanic," "Bilingual", and "English-as-a-Second Language". In the Fall 1977 semester 86% of the students indicate they are "Hispanic" and 47% of the student body are enrolled in ESL courses. There is no record of exactly how many of the Hostos Community College students are truly "bilingual."

b) The ethnic profile data reflects self-classification students. The data does not indicate the reasons they have chosen to attend Hostos Community

College or the remain at Hostos Community College. Some comments that students have made about their attendance at Hostos Community College: the various articles that appeared in the newspapers and magazines at the time of the proposed merger highlighted the fact that Hostos Community College is a bilingual college. This, other notices in the media and word-of-mouth recommednations has tended to attract more and more students who identify themselves as "Hispanic" and/or who need "English-as-a Second Language" courses

ETHNIC PROFILE: ENROLLED STUDENTS

CATEGORY	FALL 1977*	SEX: ** MALE	***FEMALE
HISPANIC	**86.4%**	**85.6%**	**86.0%**
Puerto Rican	43.4%	40.9%	44.7%
Dominican	30.2%	29.8%	30.34%
Equadorian	6.5%	9.8%	4.75%
Colombian	1.6%	1.5%	1.71%
Cuban	1.2%	0.25%	1.7%
Other Hispanic	3.5%	3.46%	2.79%
NON-HISPANIC	**13.46%**	**12.8%**	**13.8%**
Black	11.4%	10.5%	11.8%
White	1.3%	1.28%	1.3%
Oriental	0.34%	0.51%	0.26%
American Indian	0.08%	-----	0.13%
Other	0.34%	0.50%	0.26%

*Based on 1147 sample (41.3%)

Total Enrollment for Fall 1977=2,774

**Based on 389 Male sample

***Based on 758 Female sample

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ETHNIC PROFILE: ENROLLED STUDENTS

CATEGORY	Fall 1977*	Difference	Fall 1976**	Difference	Spring 1976***
HISPANIC	86.4% (a)	12.0%	74.4%	+8.8%	65.6%
Puerto Rican	43.4%	+3.3%	40.1%	+2.0%	38.1%
Dominican	30.2%	+9.8%	20.4%	+2.6%	17.8%
Equadorian	6.5%	+ .7%	5.8%	+1.5%	4.3%
Colombian	1.6%	- .4%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Cuban	1.2%	- .5%	1.7%	-	1.7%
Other Hispanic	3.5%	- .9%	4.4%	+1.7%	2.7%
NON-HISPANIC	13.46% (a)	-12.24%	25.6%	-8.8%	34.4%
Black	11.4%	-10.8%	22.2%	-6.2%	28.4%
White	1.3%	- .5	1.8%	-0.1%	1.9%
Oriental	. 4%	+ .24%	0.1%	-	0.1%
American Indian	.08%	- .02%	.1%	-1.3%	1.4%
Other	.34%	- 1.16%	1.4%	-2.3%	3.7%

*Based on 1147 sample (41.3%)

**Based on 1939 sample (83.3%)

***Based on 2489 sample (92.9%)

(a) 47% of registered students enrolled in ESL courses

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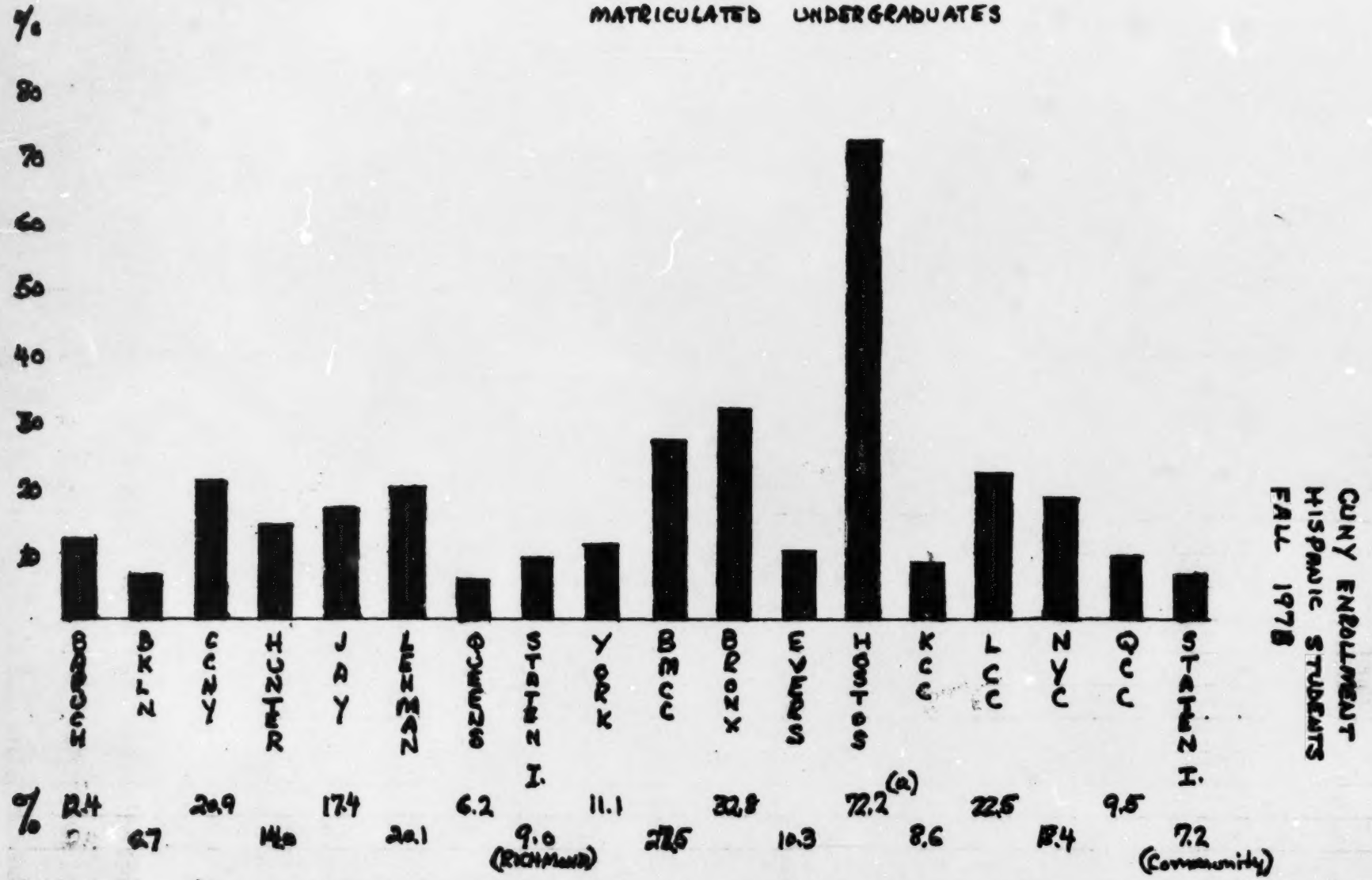
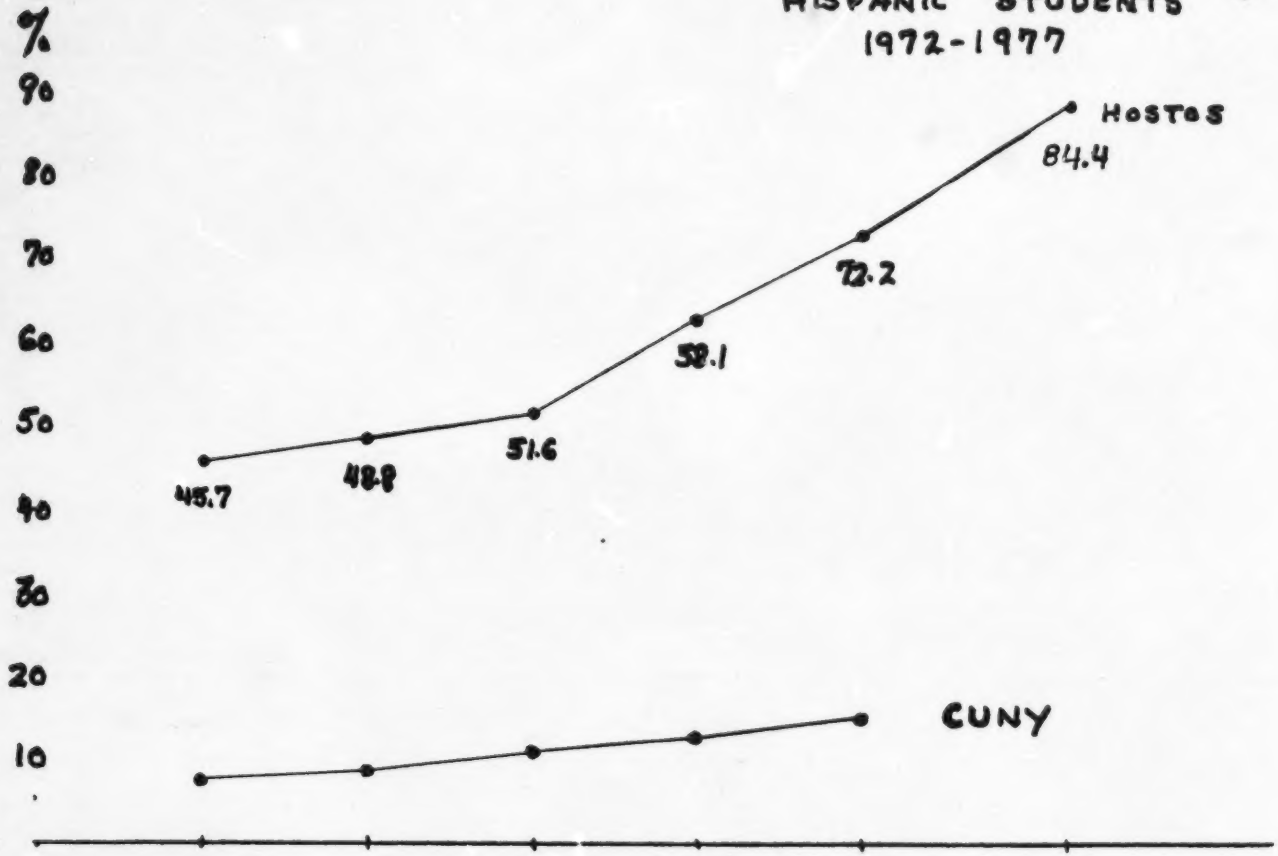
Enrollment of Hispanic Students
CUNY Fall 1976 *



* Source: CUNY DATA BOOK

(a) Slight dif. bet CUNY and HCC data; HCC collected data in FALL 1976, CUNY collected data in Feb. 1977.

CUNY ENROLLMENT
HISPANIC STUDENTS *
1972-1977



FALL	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
%	8.7	9.8	10.4	11.5	14.9	Nodata for CUNY

* Source: CUNY DATA BOOK

CUNY ENROLLMENT
HISPANIC STUDENTS
1972 - 1977

Enrollment in E S L
(Courses in English - as - a - Second Language)
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Enrollment in Courses in English - as - a - Second Language (E S L)

The information below and the accompanying charts indicate the number and percents of Hostos Community College Students in E S L over a five semester period.

It is expected that since the Hostos Community College has been commissioned to serve the needs of the South Bronx Community, as well as meeting the general educational needs of residents of New York City, and since Hostos Community College is known as a bilingual College that the proportion of Hispanic students and the proportion of those students who require English - as - a - Second Language courses would show a continual increase.

Enrollment in E S L
(Courses in English -as- a- Second Laguage)
Hostos Community College

Semester	# Enrolled H C C	# Enrolled in E S L	% Enrolled in E S L	% Hispanic	% Minority
Fall 1977	2774	1299	47%	86.4%	98.7%
Spring	2562	888	35%	**	**
Fall	2329*	676	29%	74.4%	98.2%
Spring	2682	644	24%	65.6%	98.1%
Fall	2636	741	28%	58.1%	95.0%

*Enrollment decrease due to proposed merger and allocation of students who choose Hostos Community College to other Colleges. Admissions process for Hostos Community College did not begin until the admissions process for all Colleges in CUNY had virtually been completed.

**data not yet produced from cards provided by CUNY.

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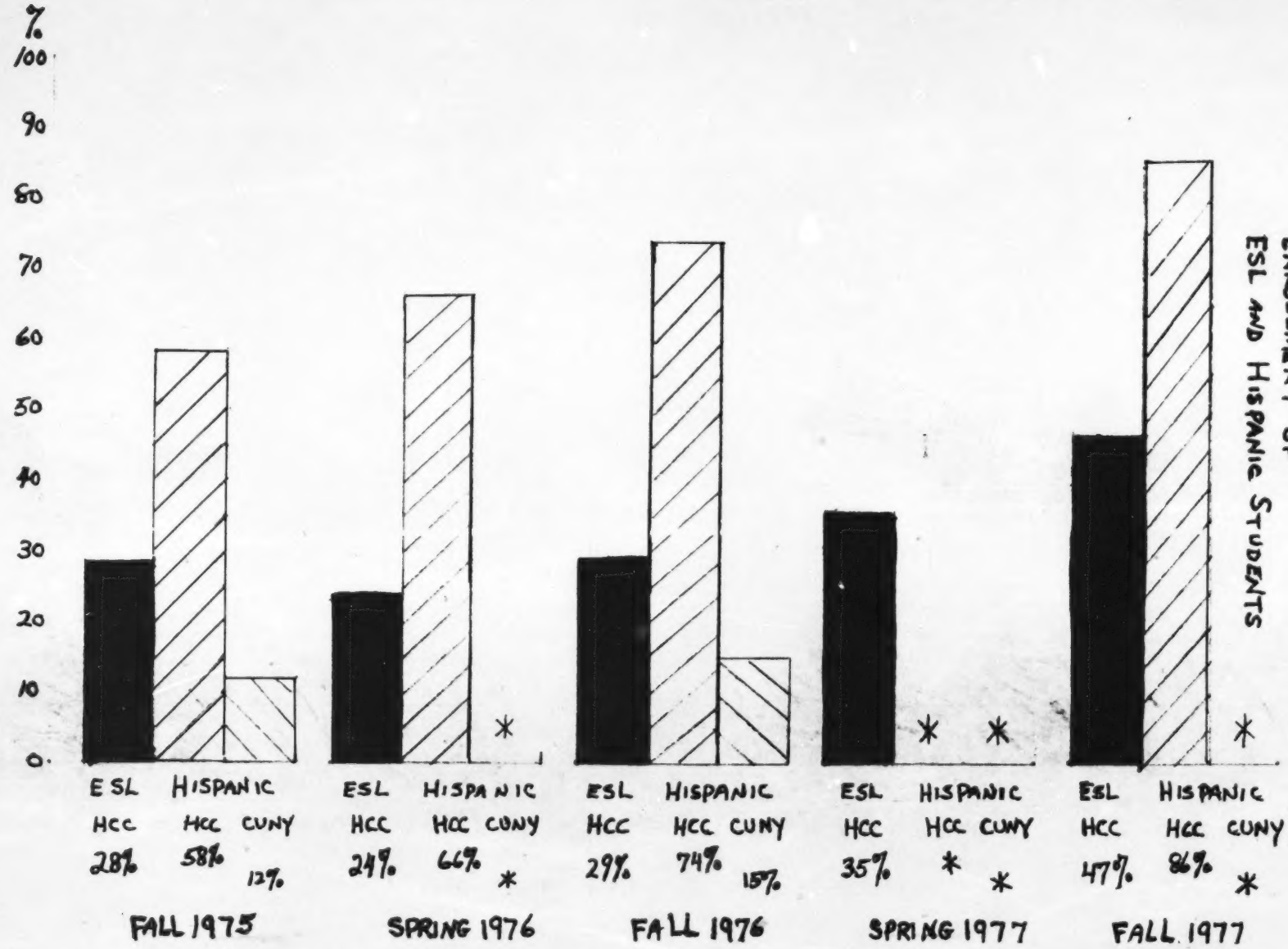
ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS IN ESL AND HISPANIC STUDENTS



*= DATA NOT AVAILABLE